उपक्रमों के पुनर्वास के लिए अनेक कदम उठाए हैं जिनमें केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकारें द्वारा वित्तीय सहायता और रियायतें तथा राहत सहायता प्रदान करना शामिल हैं।

Problems of Delhi

1780. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report of the Institute of Economic Studies, Delhi which urged the Government to take drastic steps to save Delhi, from pollution, traffic congestion and increasing accidents and scarcity of civic services; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether the above problems are being studied in depth with a view to providing solutions to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is already seized of the problem and various steps like modifications in the Master Plan with 2001 A.D. Perspective, shifting of industries from non-conforming areas to conforming areas, non-registration of new industrial units having pollution potential have been taken or are under way.

Panchayat elections in Punjab

1781. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICUL TURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken td hold elections to Panchayats in Punjab; and

(b) if so, by when these elections are proposed to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes.

(b) Elections are likely to be held shortly.

Education and Rehabilitation of Physically Handicapped

1782. SHRIMATI SUDHA VUAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of th© schemes under implementation for the welfare, education and rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons;

(b) whether any job reservation is proposed to be made for the physically handicapped;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) A Statement is Annexed *(See* below).

(b) to (d) 3% vacancies in Central Government in group C and D posts and in comparable posts in Central Public undertakings have been reserved for physically handicapped—one per cent each for the blind, deaf and the orthopaedically handicapped.

Statement

The primary responsibility for the welfare and upliftment of the handicapped rests with the State Government. However, in its coordinating and pace-setting role, the Centre has been assisting the State Government as well as the voluntary organisations in programmes designed for rehabilitation of the handicapped. The Central Government has set up